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Dear Peter:

This is by way of an amendation to the letter that Rodney Nichols sent you last month about your proposed fellowship program in parasitology. I have talked to Ken Warren, meanwhile, about the special laboratory course in the organisms of parasitic disease that we are trying to organize at the Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole. I think this will be a keystone in the promulgation of scientific interest in parasites. Obviously it affords a particular opportunity for short term fellowship support, especially to enable students from outside the United States to participate.

With respect to the more general program, that you and I had discussed before, I can understand the argument that it should not be limited to a single institution. This would be quite inappropriate in the long run: and we at the Rockefeller would certainly not wish to be the sole instrument of exchange. However, there is no doubt that it would be administratively much simpler to manage a program that had a clearly identified single focus; and I thought it would accelerate the idea to start it off, on a modest scale, just that way.
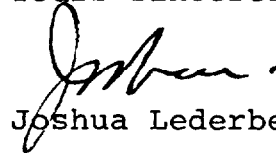
As the rationale for this proposal is to help make the administration of the fellowship awards more manageable, this is a decision that of course must be left primarily in your hands.

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        We are actively initiating a formal search for a
senior professorship in parasitology, and to that end
I would certainly welcome any suggestions you might
have. We have not yet fully characterized the position:
but we are surely looking for a person who could embrace
both the most modern approaches of contemporary chemical
biology, and a real interest in the biology of parasites
responsible for important disease.

                                Yours sincerely,

                                Joshua Lederberg

cc: Mr. Rodney W. Nichols